

Amendments to the Specification

On page 1 of the application, immediately after the title and before the first line of text, please add the following section:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

The present application represents U.S. national stage of international application PCT/EP2003/014027, which had an international filing date of December 11, 2003, and which was published in English under PCT Article 21(2) on July 8, 2004. The international application claims priority to German applications 102 61 161.0, filed on December 20, 2002, and 103 03 572.9, filed on January 30, 2003. These prior applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

On page 1 of the application, please delete the section heading that presently appears on line 2 and replace it as follows:

~~Description:~~ Field of the Invention

On page 1 of the application, before the paragraph that presently begins on line 8, please add the heading:

Background of the Invention

On page 5 of the application, before the paragraph that presently begins on line 1, please add the heading:

Description of the Invention

On page 29, please amend the first line of text as follows:

~~Patent claims:~~ What is Claimed is: